

To Senator Looney, Representative Miner and the Members of the Task force Committee,

I am writing in support of common-sense, rational gun laws, including legislation to control weaponry and ammunition and to tighten the required process to own and register guns, such as those proposed by CT Against Gun Violence. Our state has the opportunity to be a model for the rest of nation in protecting our children and all of our citizens.

Like most Connecticut residents, I was horrified by the shooting in Newtown. As a mother and grandmother, I can only imagine the stunning grief, anger and anguish being felt by the surviving Sandy Hook family members and friends. We have the opportunity to take positive, sane action to diminish the possibility of such a tragedy happening again. For too long the default position on gun control has been left to those who equate freedom with unbridled access to all manner of weapons and to those who manufacture and sell such weapons. It is time to make decisions about guns based on the safety of the public rather than paranoia or corporate profit.

I urge the taskforce to recommend the strongest gun safety measures possible to our state legislature for enactment.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Yours,

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